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First of all I would like to introduce the Society officers who will be serving you in the coming year. They are: Millard Croll, M.D., vice president; James J. Smith, M.D., secretary; Kenneth R. McCormack, M.D., treasurer; Asa Seeds, M.D., historian and Margaret Glos, administrator. The president-elect is Henry N. Wagner, Jr., M.D. and the vice president-elect Wil B. Nelp, M.D. The scientific program chairman for the Washington meeting is E. James Potchen, M.D. and Joseph Workman, M.D. has accepted responsibility as chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.

NEW ORLEANS MEETING

The 16th Annual Meeting will be a hard one to top, both scientifically and socially. Doctors Nelp and Hidalgo and members of their committees are to be congratulated for their efforts and innovations which contributed so much to the success of this meeting. The June issue of the Journal included the program and abstracts of the 147 oral presentations as well as the 173 papers read by title only. Its delivery to the membership early in June undoubtedly contributed to the record attendance (over 2,000 registrants). A new feature of the scientific program was the special plenary session "The Future of Nuclear Medicine" given by guest speaker Professor Kurt E. Scheer, Director of the Institute for Nuclear Medicine and Cancer Research, University of Heidelberg, West Germany and guest discussants, Doctors Henry N. Wagner, Jr. and Merrill A. Bender. Similar sessions are planned for the next few years.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The special committee on Technologists Affairs has been authorized by the Board to develop a "Nuclear Medicine Technologists Section" with separate officers and a council made up of elected technologist representatives from each of the chapters. The purpose is to give the technologists more autonomy regarding their role in the Society, for example, in their scientific program, which should no longer be an appendage but an important and integral part of the annual scientific meeting. A two-way route of communication between the Board's standing committees and the technologists section is to be implemented after enabling changes are made in the bylaws of the Society.

On August 18, 1969, Merrill Bender, M.D., chairman of the standing committee on Competence and Certification announced the results of a meeting on July 12th between the proponents of an "American Board of Nuclear Medicine" and the AMA liaison for Medical Specialties: namely, that the AMA committee members are disposed favorably toward specialty recognition in nuclear medicine. The next move is up to the Liaison Committee, and this is expected to happen before the end of the calendar year.

The other activities of your Executive Committee and Board of Trustees will be reported in subsequent issues. In the meantime, we welcome your suggestions and constructive criticisms regarding the management of your Society. Please direct your correspondence to me or to other officers of the Society.

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